



STINGER SPORTS

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CONCORDIA BASKETBALL TEAM OFF TO C.I.A.U. FINALS

The Concordia University Varsity men's basketball team will compete in their third consecutive Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union championships this weekend in Victoria, British Columbia. The Stingers will meet York University in the opening round on Thursday night. The fourth ranked Stingers dropped a 75-74 decision to York earlier in the year.

Doug Daigneault's cagers captured the Quebec University Athletic Association regular season crown with a 9-3 record, then trounced Bishop's University 86-56 in the playoff final. The Stingers displayed one of their best second-half surges as they won 10 of the last 13 games.

Gary McKeigan was again the dominant player for Concordia as he averaged over 20 points and 7 rebounds for Concordia, en route to being named to the Q.U.A.A. All-Star team for the third consecutive season. John Gissendanner, who joined the Stingers after Christmas averaged 14 points and 8 rebounds a game, combining with McKeigan to provide one of the top 1-2 combinations in Canada.

Coach Daigneault feels his club can better last years performance when they finished third in the C.I.A.U. Nationals, the highest finish ever by a Quebec school.

"We are peaking at the right time which is important," the veteran mentor said. "We have to play three strong games in a row against the best in the country, and I think we can do it."

Following the Concordia-York opener on Thursday, the semi-finals will take place on Friday and Saturday's final will be nationally televised.